GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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REBUILDING OF COASTAL ORISSA
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to formulate a master plan for rebuild the coastal area of Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide fund for the purpose; and (c) the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AI PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AI PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): Immediately after the occurrence of the Super Cyclone in thecoastal districts of Orissa on 29.10.1999, a High Powered Task Force (HPTF)was constituted under the Chairmanship of the Defence Minister toprepare a comprehensive plan for rehabilitation and reconstruction in the cyclone affected areas in addition to overseeing the immediate rescue and relief measures. The HPTF recommended various medium and long term measures for the affected areas of Orissa in the fields to health, water and sanitation, shelter, food and nutrition, education, agriculture, environment and social sectors. As recommended by HPTF, Government of India has, on 24th February, 2000, constituted the Orissa Cyclone ReconstructionAuthority (OCRA) to give consideration at the highest level to the reconstitution and rehabilitation matters. The OCRA has DefenceMinister as Chairman and Finance Minister, Minister for Agriculture, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Minister for UrbanDevelopment, Minister for Rural Development and Chief Minister of Orissa as Members. The OCRA will henceforth take over the functions ofthe HPTF for rehabilitation and reconstruction in the affected coastal districts in Orissa, including finalisation and implementation of the reconstruction programmes.

(b) and (c): Assistance has been provided to Orissa for rebuilding the cyclone affected coastal areas of Orissa as indicated below:

Assistance from National Funds for Calamity
Relief (NFCR) in the wake of Floods/Cyclones Rs.828.15crore

Central share of Calamity Relief Fund
(CRF) for 1999-2000 Rs. 42.50crore

Advance assistance for rehabilitation Rs.450.00crore

Additional Central Assistance for meeting
The counterpart funding for availing World
Bank assistance for the immediate phase
Of reconstruction work Rs. 43.00crore